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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (69-NEW)
RE: SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
POSSIBLE CONTEMPT OF COURT

Today Judge WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL, Chief Judge, USDC, NDI, advised the SAC that an individual by the name of SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK, who reportedly is under psychiatric treatment, has been filing all types of law suits before the USDC of Illinois. The Judge stated that he has created an executive committee in the courts to review law suits filed and to eliminate those law suits which obviously have no merit. In this way, many of SKOLNICK's law suits have been kept from cluttering up the calendars of the various District Judges.

He stated that on 10/13/67 a complaint was filed by one JACOB OSCAR BERG, which in every detail bears close resemblance to the law suits filed in Federal Court by SKOLNICK. Judge CAMPBELL stated that Chicago Tribune Reporter [redacted] in looking over the various law suits filed in District Court, noted the similarity and telephonically contacted BERG. He asked BERG if SKOLNICK was involved in this law suit. Judge CAMPBELL stated that according to [redacted] BERG became extremely flustered and it was apparent to [redacted] that SKOLNICK had undoubtedly acted as a lawyer in filing this complaint.

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Judge CAMPBELL has specifically requested that Bureau authorization be obtained to interview JACOB OSCAR BERG for the purpose of determining whether or not a

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potential violation under our jurisdiction exists in connection with SKOLNICK. Judge CAMPBELL specifically requested that this be called to the Bureau's attention.

UACD, this interview will be conducted with BERG and the results furnished to Judge CAMPBELL.

A review of the Chicago files reflects the following concerning SKOLNICK:

On 9/30/50, SKOLNICK furnished copies of literature bearing a return card of the U.S. Committee Against Militarization, 6329 S. May Street, Chicago, Illinois, to the U.S. Postal Inspector's, Chicago, which was in turn forwarded to the Chicago Office.

On 1/9/59, SKOLNICK telephonically contacted the Chicago Office complaining that Hornblower - Weeks, a stock brokerage firm in Chicago had caused him to lose an \$8,000 investment. This matter was declined by the U.S. Attorney in Chicago inasmuch as the facts developed failed to indicate a Federal violation.

On 8/27/65, SKOLNICK telephonically contacted the Chicago Office and complained that he had been receiving calls on his private telephone listing in which no one spoke but he heard heavy breathing and music in the background. He stated that no threats of bodily harm had been received.

On 1/6/66, the Chicago Defender and the Chicago Daily News contained articles which indicated that SKOLNICK was planning to join Comedian DICK GREGORY as co-plaintiff in a suit in U.S. District Court in an effort to upset the method of electing Illinois Supreme Court Justices. It was noted that in brief, the suit would charge that the States Judicial election district were in gross violation of the one man, one vote rule laid down by the U.S. Supreme Court. The suit further would allege that within the First Judicial District resided 83% of the States non white voters and 95% of its Jewish voters.

JACOB OSCAR BERG, Plaintiff,

Civil Action.

vs.

No. 670 1830

CASIMIR V. CWIKLINSKI and CHARLES J.

O'CONNOR,

Defendants.

JURY DEMANDED.

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COMPLAINT AT LAW.

The plaintiff, JACOB OSCAR BERG, complains against the defendants, CASIMIR V. CWIKLINSKI and CHARLES J. O'CONNOR, and alleges:

COUNT ONE.

1. That this Court has jurisdiction under the provisions of the United States Code, Title 28, Sections 1331 and 1343.
2. That this action arises under the Constitution of the United States, particularly the Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments; and the laws of the United States, Title 42, United States Code, Sections 1981, 1983, 1985(2), 1985(3), and 1988; Title 28, United States Code, Sections 1331 and 1343; Title 18, United States Code, Sections 241, 242, and 371.
3. That the matter in controversy exceeds, exclusive of interest and costs, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).
4. That at all times mentioned herein the plaintiff has and had an office in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, and State of Illinois, and is^a citizen of the United States, and has a fine personal and professional reputation as a professional accountant.
5. That both of the defendants reside within the Northern District of Illinois, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois.
6. That at all times mentioned herein defendants, Casimir V. Cwiklinski and Charles J. O'Connor, were without jurisdiction and without constitutional authority to damage and injure the plaintiff, Jacob Oscar Berg, in his person, property, and reputation for refusing to incriminate himself and refusing to aid the City of Chicago in obtaining his own conviction; said

defendants maliciously mis-using state power under the sham and pretense of authority, intending to deprive plaintiff of the Equal Protection of the Laws and of his inalienable and fundamental constitutional rights, privileges, and immunities, with defendant Cwiklinski pretending to have state judicial authority and defendant O'Connor pretending to have authority as Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago.

7. That at all times mentioned herein the defendants, Casimir V. Cwiklinski and Charles J. O'Connor, were without jurisdiction and without constitutional authority to deprive Jacob Oscar Berg of his liberty and property for the purpose of seeking to compel him, under the sham and pretense of authority, to make disclosures and give testimony against himself which would tend to incriminate himself and subject him to punishment, fines, penalties, and forfeitures, invading and trampling upon his federal constitutionally protected rights, privileges, and immunities.

8. That the defendants, Casimir V. Cwiklinski and Charles J. O'Connor, under the sham and pretense of authority, and without jurisdiction and without authority, as aforementioned, did, caused to be done, or procured to be done, or allowed, permitted, and condoned, and acquiesced in, the following acts against the plaintiff Jacob Oscar Berg:

On October 25, 1962, defendant Casimir V. Cwiklinski commanded Jacob Oscar Berg to testify against himself and make disclosures which would tend to incriminate himself and subject him to punishment, fines, penalties, and forfeitures, and said defendant made the following statement, among others: "I instruct Mr. Berg to answer the question, and I warn him that if he refuses there is a way of making him do so."

Thereupon, defendant Charles J. O'Connor then and there asked that Berg be held in so-called "contempt" for refusing to incriminate himself and refusing to make disclosures and give testimony against himself.

Thereupon, defendant Casimir V. Cwiklinski, without jurisdiction and without constitutional authority to do so, said that Berg "is held in contempt".

Thereupon, defendant Cwiklinski said to defendant O'Connor, "What do you recommend on the contempt charge?" Whereupon, defendant O'Connor stated that he recommended that Berg "be held in custody".

Thereupon, although the so-called "contempt" had been committed by Jacob Oscar Berg, defendant Cwiklinski then and there said: "Take him (meaning Berg) in custody, Mr. Bailiff"; "Take him into custody now".

Thereupon, a person purporting to be a "bailiff", whose name is unknown to Berg, and said "bailiff" being without jurisdiction and without constitutional authority to do so, seized and laid hold of Jacob Oscar Berg and then and there took and held Berg in the lockup at the Traffic Violations Center for the better part of said October 25, 1962. Among other things, Berg was prevented from using the telephone and conducting his business and contacting his clients. Said "bailiff", among other things, berated and abused Berg and said to him "that will teach you a lesson".

9. That the aforementioned acts and doings of the defendants, Casimir V. Cwiklinski and Charles J. O'Connor, were for the purpose of discriminating against Jacob Oscar Berg and to deprive him of the Equal Protection of the Laws and the Due Process of fundamental law, and to deprive Berg of inalienable rights, which are guaranteed to Berg as against deprivation by the mis-use of state power under pretense and sham of authority, by the Fourteenth Amendment to the federal constitution.

10. That by said happenings, Jacob Oscar Berg, the plaintiff herein, has suffered great loss to his person, property, and reputation, and has been mortified, frustrated in his rights as a fine, upstanding citizen, and has suffered and will continue to suffer great torment and mental anguish.

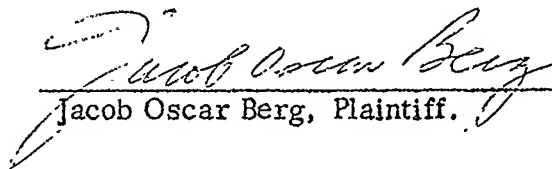
11. That all of the aforesaid acts committed and caused to be committed by the defendants, Casimir V. Cwiklinski and Charles J. O'Connor, are to the great and irreparable damage to the plaintiff, for which he is entitled to recover the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

12. That the defendants, Casimir V. Cwiklinski and Charles J. O'Connor, in the acts above stated, acted maliciously, knowingly, intentionally, and discriminatorily, by virtue whereof the plaintiff is entitled to and claims exemplary damages in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand

Dollars (\$500,000.00).

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Jacob Oscar Berg, asks for judgment against the defendants, Casimir V. Cwiklinski and Charles J. O'Connor, for the total damages of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), and for costs as in law provided for; and that the plaintiff may have and be awarded all such further relief for which the law and this action make provisions under the circumstances.

Jacob Oscar Berg
22 West Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Financial 6-0456.
Plaintiff, Pro Se.



Jacob Oscar Berg, Plaintiff.

COUNT TWO.

The plaintiff, Jacob Oscar Berg, as a further cause of action against the defendants, Casimir V. Cwiklinski and Charles J. O'Connor, alleges:

1. That the plaintiff, Jacob Oscar Berg, repeats and re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 7 inclusive of Count One of this Complaint, as though the same were verbatim here alleged, and each and every allegation therein made.
2. That the defendants conspired for the purpose of impeding, hindering, obstructing, and defeating the due course of justice in the State of Illinois, with intent to deny to Jacob Oscar Berg, a citizen, the Equal Protection of the Laws, and to injure him in his person, property, and reputation for lawfully enforcing, or attempting to enforce, his right to the Equal Protection of the Laws.

In furtherance of this conspiracy, the defendants, Casimir V. Cwiklinski and Charles J. O'Connor, did, caused to be done, or procured to be done, or allowed, permitted, and condoned, and acquiesced in, the following acts against the plaintiff Jacob Oscar Berg:

- (a) plaintiff repeats and re-alleges here, paragraph 8 of Count One of this Complaint, as though the same were verbatim here alleged, and each and every allegation therein made.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, Jacob Oscar Berg, asks for judgment against the defendants, Casimir V. Cwiklinski and Charles J. O'Connor, for the total damages of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), and for costs as in law provided for; and that the plaintiff may have and be awarded all such further relief for which the law and this action make provisions under the circumstances.

Jacob Oscar Berg
Jacob Oscar Berg, Plaintiff.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS. AFFIDAVIT.
COUNTY OF COOK)

JACOB OSCAR BERG, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he is the plaintiff, pro se, in the foregoing matter; that he has read the Complaint at Law in this matter, Count One and Count Two, by him subscribed; that the fact allegations therein contained are true and correct to his personal knowledge; that the other matters stated therein are matters of record or of law, and that in either case the same are true and correct.

Jacob Oscar Berg
Jacob Oscar Berg.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 23 day of October, A.D. 1967.

Notary Public.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

JACOB OSCAR BERG, Plaintiff,

vs.

CASIMIR V. CWIKLINSKI and CHARLES J. O'CONNOR,)
Defendants.)

Civil Action

No. _____

Jury Demanded.

COMPLAINT AT LAW and AFFIDAVIT.

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JUDGE HOFFMAN IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION.

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SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL, B. FRANKLIN CHILES,

and JAMES GUADAGNO,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION

No. 66 C 2134

JURY DEMANDED.

COMPLAINT AT LAW.

The plaintiff, SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK, complains against the defendants, WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL, B. FRANKLIN CHILES, and JAMES GUADAGNO, and alleges:

COUNT ONE.

1. That this Court has jurisdiction under the provisions of the United States Code, Title 28, Sections 1331 and 1343.
2. That this action arises under the Constitution of the United States, and the Laws of the United States, particularly Title 42, United States Code, Sections 1985(2), 1986, and 1988; and Title 18, United States Code, Sections 241, 371, and 1503; and Title 28, United States Code, Sections 1331 and 1343.
3. That the matter in controversy exceeds, exclusive of interest and costs, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).
4. That all of the defendants reside within the Northern District of Illinois.
5. That at all times mentioned herein the plaintiff was and is a resident of the City of Chicago, County of Cook, and State of Illinois, and a citizen of the United States.
6. That the defendants, William J. Campbell, B. Franklin Chiles, and James Guadagno, conspired to deter by force, intimidation, assault and battery, threat, and libel and slander, Sherman H. Skolnick from attending as a party-plaintiff and witness in the United States District Court in a certain case No. 66 C 2134 entitled Sherman H. Skolnick, et al., plaintiffs, vs. Mayor & City Council of Chicago, and Board of Election Commissioners of Chicago, defendants, and to injure Sherman H. Skolnick, a party-plaintiff and witness, in his person and property on account of his having attended in said Court. Skolnick is party-plaintiff, pro se, in said case.

In furtherance of this conspiracy, the defendants Campbell, Chiles, and Guadagno did, caused to be done, or procured to be done, or allowed, permitted, and condoned, and acquiesced in, the following acts against the plaintiff:

- (a) Sherman H. Skolnick, a party-plaintiff in said case No. 66 C 2134, on December 30, 1966, filed with the Clerk of said Court a Notice, Proof of Service, and Motion asking for the disqualification of one of the three judges in said case, or, in the alternative, for disclosure of certain information by said judge. In addition, on December 30, 1966, Skolnick put a Motion Slip together with a copy of said Notice, Proof of Service, and Motion, on the desk of said judge's minute clerk.

(b) In said Motion party-plaintiff Skolnick set forth references to what he said were disquieting published reports that said judge was a director of the Albert Parvin Foundation which reportedly derives much of its income from a mortgage on a Las Vegas hotel and gambling casino, and that there is reportedly a link between gambling in Nevada and politics that reaches into Chicago. And, that since Case No. 66 C 2134, is a voters-taxpayers class action, and is a public controversy, involving the city government of the city of Chicago, it is important that the judicial proceedings in such a case be above reproach.

(c) On January 2, 1967, defendant Campbell published and circulated, or caused to be published and circulated, a "Press Release to City News Bureau, 10:30 A.M., January 2, 1967", and caused or instigated the same, or portions of the same, to go out on the news wire services of the said City News Bureau; and defendant Campbell caused or procured the said "Press Release" to be placed on the desks of the news reporters occupying Room 2144 of the Federal Building, at 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Said "Press Release" contained the following paragraph among others"

"On last Friday some obviously uninformed pro-se litigant filed a motion in a case on my calendar asking to disqualify me apparently because of my alleged membership in The Albert Parvin Foundation, a charitable organization. Of the four major metropolitan daily newspapers one, laudably, ignored the matter; another properly called me, received and printed the correct facts; and the remaining two regrettably, without any attempt at verification, printed at length many of the unfounded allegations of the motion. I am shocked and grieved that responsible newspapers would devote so much space to such trash."

Said "Press Release" was calculated to, and did, libel, slander, denounce, and disparage Sherman H. Skolnick by referring to him as "uninformed pro-se litigant" and referring to party-plaintiff Skolnick's Motion as "such trash", in order to degrade and debase Skolnick. Skolnick is learned in the law and possesses his own large lawbook library.

(d) Defendant Campbell maliciously caused or instigated to be published and circulated a story in the Chicago Tribune, one of the four large daily newspapers in Chicago, dated January 2, 1967, Section 1, page 3, which contained the following statement known to said defendant to be false, libelous, and defamatory:

"Skolnick has a penchant for seeking the disqualification of judges during his cases. During the 1965 legal fight over apportionment of Illinois General Assembly voting districts, Skolnick tried to have the entire Illinois Supreme Court disqualified from hearing his suit".

Said statement was calculated to be understood, and was understood, to mean that Skolnick had theretofore sought disqualification of judges without basis, and that Skolnick was a party-litigant in said Illinois General Assembly matter, which was known to defendant Campbell to be false, libelous, and defamatory when published and circulated.

(e) On January 4, 1967, about 9:55 a.m., pursuant to said Motion, Notice, Proof of Service, and Motion Slip, Sherman H. Skolnick, a paraplegic invalid and cripple, came in his wheelchair into the courtroom of said judge in Case No. 66 C 2134. Skolnick was accompanied by George Eskelinen, the other party-plaintiff and witness in said case, Eskelinen like Skolnick also being pro se.

Skolnick rolled up to the table on the right hand side of the courtroom. Whereupon, defendant Chiles, purporting to be a court-crier in said room, came up behind Skolnick and informed that Eskelinen would not be permitted to sit near Skolnick to assist him with his wheelchair or to assist him with his briefcase heavily laden with lawbooks and documents in said case. Thereupon, defendant Chiles sat down immediately behind Skolnick's wheelchair and

stretched out his feet so that the tips of Chile's shoes locked into the spokes of the wheels of Skolnick's wheelchair.

(f) Both before and after the court was called to order and the presiding judge mounted the bench, defendant Chiles terrorized and intimidated Skolnick by saying to him, without cause "Don't you move". During the Motion Call, defendant Chiles continued to so terrorize and intimidate Skolnick by uttering said words every time Skolnick moved his head or arms, or to re-adjust his legs in the legbraces to keep them from cramping, or lifted his pen from his jacket pocket, or looked at his papers and lawbooks.

(g) About 10:20 a.m., the judge suddenly stood up and hurriedly left the bench. Skolnick thereupon sought to call the attention of the Minute Clerk. As Skolnick put his hands on the rims of his large rear wheels to move, defendant Chiles stood up behind Skolnick's wheelchair and violently and barbarically seized Skolnick by putting his arms over him and on him, and violently grabbing Skolnick's wheelchair first by the armrests and then by the rubber steering handles, and violently swinging the wheelchair in a U-turn, nearly tipping over the wheelchair, and with Chiles' feet restricting the movement of the rear wheels except to go straight forward, forcibly pushed and shoved Skolnick in his wheelchair to the door. That in all of this defendant James Guadagno participated with defendant Chiles, and then and there informed Skolnick that defendant William J. Campbell had told them to do this to Skolnick. Defendant Guadagno purports to be a deputy marshal.

7. That it was the design and purpose of the defendants to deter, intimidate, and obstruct Skolnick from pursuing the connection between William J. Campbell and Albert Parvin and certain hoodlums in Illinois and elsewhere, by injuring Skolnick in his person and property and causing him fright, mental anguish, and fear for his safety and well-being.

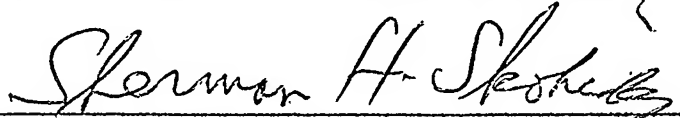
8. Anything stated in this Count One that the Court might consider should have been in the other count, is to be considered as written there, and vice versa.

9. That all of the aforesaid overt acts committed and caused to be committed by defendants William J. Campbell, B. Franklin Chiles, and James Guadagno, are to the great and irreparable damage to the plaintiff, for which he is entitled to recover the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

10. That the defendants William J. Campbell, B. Franklin Chiles, and James Guadagno, in the acts above stated, acted knowingly, barbarically, sadistically, intentionally, maliciously and discriminatorily, by virtue whereof the plaintiff is entitled to and claims exemplary damages in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

11. That the plaintiff asks this Court for an Order requiring the prosecution of the defendants Campbell, Chiles, and Guadagno, for violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 241, 371, and 1503.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff Sherman H. Skolnick prays judgment against the defendants William J. Campbell, B. Franklin Chiles, and James Guadagno, for the total damages of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), and for costs as in law provided for; and that the plaintiff may have and be awarded all such further relief for which the law and this action make provisions under the circumstances.


Sherman H. Skolnick, Plaintiff.

Sherman H. Skolnick
9800 South Oglesby Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60617
Telephone: ES 5-5741.
Plaintiff, Pro Se.

COUNT TWO.

The plaintiff Sherman H. Skolnick as a further cause of action against the defendants, William J. Campbell, B. Franklin Chiles, and James Guadagno, alleges:

1. That this Court has jurisdiction under the provisions of Title 28 United States Code, Section 1331.
2. That this action arises under the Constitution of the United States, and particularly Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 and those state laws existing at the time of acceptance of Federal jurisdiction over the ceded territory by the United States Government.
3. That the events hereinafter stated took place in the federal territory or federal enclave known as the Federal Building, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, said place being owned by the United States and under the exclusive sovereignty of the federal government.
4. The plaintiff repeats and re-alleges paragraphs 3 through 11 inclusive, of Count One of this Complaint, as though the same were verbatim alleged, and each and every allegation therein made.
5. WHEREFORE, the plaintiff Sherman H. Skolnick prays judgment against the defendants, William J. Campbell, B. Franklin Chiles, and James Guadagno, for the total damages of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), and for costs as in law provided for; and that the plaintiff may have and be awarded all such further relief for which the law and this action make provisions under the circumstances.


Sherman H. Skolnick, Plaintiff.

Sherman H. Skolnick
9800 South Oglesby Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60617
ESsex 5-5741,
Plaintiff, Pro Se.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (69-95)

DATE: 11/13/67

FROM : SA JOHN W. PARISH

SUBJECT: SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
POSSIBLE CONTEMPT OF COURT

On 11/13/67, [redacted] State-Madison Secretarial Service, Suite 900, 22 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SAs JOHN W. PARISH and [redacted] that Mr. JACOB OSCAR BERG could not be contacted at this address. [redacted] explained that the State-Madison Secretarial Service is a mail drop and telephone answering service to which BERG has been a subscriber for the past fifteen years. He also advised that BERG maintains desk space at this address, however, to his knowledge this space has never been used by BERG. He said BERG's business was accounting. [redacted] was unable to furnish a home address or other location where BERG could be contacted. A message was left for BERG to contact SA PARISH at the Chicago Office of the FBI.

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A review of current Chicago and suburban telephone directories for a listing for JACOB OSCAR BERG revealed the following listings:

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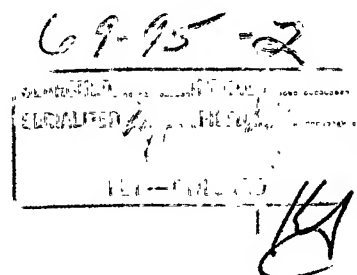
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[redacted] advised that this is the address of NATHAN & BERG, Inc. He said that JACOB BERG retired from the firm several years ago, and he is not identical with JACOB OSCAR BERG. [redacted] commented that a large number of calls have been received recently from people attempting to contact JACOB OSCAR BERG.

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[redacted] advised that her husband is a [redacted] and is not identical with JACOB OSCAR BERG. She also commented that a large number of calls have been received recently from persons attempting to contact JACOB OSCAR BERG.

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At 12:50 PM on 11/13/67, Mr. JACOB OSCAR BERG telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI and spoke with SA PARISH. An appointment was requested with Mr. BERG for later in the day if possible. Mr. BERG stated he could not see SA PARISH as he was too busy. He wanted to know what this inquiry was about and was told it concerned a suit filed by him in U.S. District Court recently. Mr. BERG stated this suit was a civil matter and he could not possibly see what interest it would be to the FBI. He then demanded to know what this inquiry concerned and stated he would not see SA PARISH until he knew what this was all about. He was then asked whether he was acquainted with or had been counseled by Mr. SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK. Mr. BERG then became somewhat incensed, said he did not see what business it was of the FBI who his friends were and asked who had initiated the inquiry. He was advised that SA PARISH was not at liberty to disclose where or by whom the inquiry was initiated. He then wanted to know if he was being harassed, and he was advised that he was not being harassed by the FBI or anyone else. Mr. BERG then stated that he would furnish no information or statement to the FBI or anyone else in this matter; that this matter was filed with the U.S. District Court, and he wished that everyone would leave things alone and let the courts handle the matter. He further stated that he intended to write the "two Senators from Illinois" to make sure that he was not being harassed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (69-95) (c)

SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
POSSIBLY CONTEMPT OF COURT

Re Chicago airtel dated 11/3/67.

On 11/13/67, efforts were made to contact Mr. JACOB OSCAR BERG at 22 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, and it was determined that this is the address of the State-Madison Secretarial Service, a mail drop and telephone answering service to which BERG was a subscriber. A message was left for Mr. BERG to contact SA JOHN W. PARISH at the Chicago Office of the FBI.

At 12:59 PM on 11/13/67, Mr. JACOB OSCAR BERG telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI and spoke with SA PARISH. An appointment was requested with Mr. BERG for later in the day if possible. Mr. BERG stated he could not see SA PARISH as he was too busy. He wanted to know what this inquiry was about and was told it concerned a suit filed by him in U.S. District Court recently. Mr. BERG stated this suit was a civil matter and he could not possibly see what interest it would be to the FBI. He then demanded to know what this inquiry concerned and stated he would not see SA PARISH until he knew what this was all about. He was then asked whether he was acquainted with or had been counseled by Mr. SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK. Mr. BERG then became somewhat incensed, said he did not see what business it was of the FBI who his friends were and asked who had initiated the inquiry. He was advised that SA PARISH was not at liberty to disclose where or by whom the inquiry was initiated. He then wanted to know if he was being harassed, and he was advised that he was not being harassed by the FBI or anyone else. Mr. BERG then stated that he would furnish no information

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or statement to the FBI or anyone else in this matter; that this matter was filed with the US. District Court, and he wished that everyone would leave things alone and let the courts handle the matter. He further stated that he intended to write the "two Senators from Illinois" to make sure that he was not being harassed.

BERG subsequently telephonically contacted the ASAC, in the absence of the SAC, and demanded to know who had initiated this investigation in that he felt this was a matter for the courts and not the FBI. He was advised that certain actions before the court may well subsequently become of interest to the FBI and that the FBI was not at liberty to disclose to him the details concerning this matter. BERG was extremely rude, belligerent and evasive and then terminated the conversation.

On 11/13/67, the above information was furnished to Judge WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL, Chief Judge, USDC, NDI by the SAC and Judge CAMPBELL stated that this was all the information he desired and had requested at this time and if there was any possible obstruction of justice violation in connection with this matter he would advise. Judge CAMPBELL expressed his sincere appreciation in connection with the way this matter was handled.

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Date: 11/15/67

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To: SAC, Chicago (69-95)

From: Director, FBI (69-777)

SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
 CONTEMPT OF COURT
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Reurairtels 11/3/67 and 11/13/67.

By return mail, submit a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination setting forth the request received, together with results of investigation conducted. In the airtel, set forth pertinent background information which reairtels indicate you have concerning Skolnick and Berg. Conclude the LHM with a statement that no further investigation is contemplated by the FBI in view of Judge Campbell's statement that he desired no further information.

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**SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMPT OF COURT**

On November 3, 1967, Judge William J. Campbell, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, advised that an individual by the name of Sherman H. Skolnick, who reportedly is under psychiatric treatment, has been filing all types of law suits before the United States District Court in Illinois. Judge Campbell stated that he has created a Executive Committee in the courts to review law suits filed and to eliminate those law suits which obviously have no merit. In this way many of Skolnick's law suits have been kept from cluttering up the calendar of the various district courts.

Judge Campbell stated that on October 13, 1967, a complaint was filed by one Jacob Oscar Berg which in every detail bears close resemblance to the law suits filed in Federal court by Skolnick. Judge Campbell stated that "Chicago Tribune" reporter [redacted] in looking over the various law suits filed in district court, noted the similarity and telephonically contacted Berg. He asked Berg if Skolnick was involved in this law suit. Judge Campbell stated that according to [redacted] Berg became extremely flustered, and it was apparent to [redacted] that Skolnick undoubtedly acted as a lawyer in filing this complaint.

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Judge Campbell specifically requested that Jacob Oscar Berg be interviewed for the purpose of determining whether or not a potential violation under our jurisdiction exists in connection with Skolnick.

A review of files of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation failed to reflect any information identifiable with Jacob Oscar Berg; however, the following information concerning Skolnick was noted:

On September 30, 1950, Skolnick furnished copies of literature, bearing a return card, to the United States Committee Against Militarization, 6329 South May Street, Chicago, Illinois, to the United States Postal Inspector's Office, Chicago, which was in turn forwarded to the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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On January 9, 1964, Skolnick telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation complaining that Hornblower and Weeks, a stock brokerage firm in Chicago, had caused him to lose an \$8,000 investment. This matter was declined by the United States Attorney, Chicago, inasmuch as the facts developed failed to indicate a Federal violation.

On August 27, 1965, Skolnick telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and complained that he had been receiving calls on his private telephone, in which no one spoke, but heavy breathing and music was heard in the background. Skolnick stated that no threats of violence or bodily harm had been received.

On January 6, 1966, the Chicago Defender and the "Chicago Daily News" contained articles, which indicated that Skolnick was planning to join comedian Dick Gregory, as co-plaintiff in a suit in United States District Court, in an effort to upset the method of electing our Supreme Court Justices. It was noted that in brief, the suit would charge that the State Judicial Election Districts were in gross violation of the one man-one vote rule laid down by the United States Supreme Court. The suit further would allege that within the first judicial district resided 83% of the states non-white voters and 95% of its Jewish voters.

On November 13, 1967, efforts were made to contact Jacob Oscar Berg at 22 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, and it was determined that this is the address of the State-Madison Secretarial Service, a mail drop, and telephone answering service to which Berg was a subscriber.

Later on that same date, Berg telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and efforts were made to secure an appointment for an interview. Berg stated that he was unable to make an appointment, as he was too busy and wanted to know what the inquiry was about. He was told that it concerned a suit filed by him in United States District Court recently, to which he replied that this suit was a civil matter and he could not possibly see what interest it would be to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Berg then demanded to know what this inquiry concerned and stated he would not grant an appointment until he knew what this was all about.

SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK

He was then asked whether he was acquainted with or had been counselled by Sherman H. Skolnick. Berg then became somewhat incensed, said he did not see what business it was of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who his friends were, and asked who had initiated the inquiry. He was advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was not at liberty to disclose where or by whom the inquiry was initiated. He then wanted to know if he was being harassed and was advised that he was not being harassed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or anyone else. Berg then stated that he would furnish no information or statement to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or anyone else in this matter, that this matter was filed with United States District Court, and he wished that everyone would leave things alone and let the courts handle the matter. Berg further stated that he intended to write the "Two Senators from Illinois" to make sure that he was not being harassed.

Berg subsequently telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, later that same date, and again demanded to know who had initiated this investigation, in that he felt this was a matter for the courts and not the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised that certain actions before the court may well subsequently become of interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was not at liberty to disclose to him the details concerning this matter. Berg then became extremely rude, belligerent, and evasive, and terminated the conversation.

The above information was furnished to Chief Judge William J. Campbell, United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, on November 13, 1967, and he stated that this was all the information he desired, and had requested at this time, and if there was any possible violation in connection with this matter, he would advise.

No further investigation is contemplated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in view of Judge Campbell's statement that he desires no further information.

11/17/67

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (69-777)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (69-95) (C)

SUBJECT: SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMPT OF COURT
OO:CHICAGO

Re Bureau airtel dated 11/15/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and three (3) copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, as requested in referenced Bureau airtel.

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Chicago, Illinois
November 17, 1967

SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMPT OF COURT

On November 20, 1967, an individual identifying himself as Jacob Berg, private citizen, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He stated that he is a private citizen, with his business office at 22 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number FI 6-0456. He stated that he wanted to advise the Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he was going to write a letter to the Attorney General of the United States with a complaint. He stated his complaint would be that he objected to an attempt by Special Agents of the FBI to interview him as "No one has a right to question me".

He asked whether or not the Special Agent who attempted to contact him was contacting him on his own or in connection with an official investigation. He was told that the Special Agent contacted him in connection with an official investigation. He stated he was therefore going to write a letter to the Attorney General, at which time he was advised that any such action he desired to take was up to him. He again stated he did not feel anyone had a right to question him and to ask him about any of his associates.

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11/20/67

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A I R M A I L

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (89-777)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (69-95) (C)
RE: SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMPT OF COURT
(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago airtel 11/17/67.

At 10:25 a.m., 11/20/67, an individual identifying himself as JACOB BERG, business address 22 West Madison Street, telephone number FI 6-0456, telephonically contacted the SAC. He was extremely sarcastic, stating that he wanted the SAC to know that he was writing a letter to the Attorney General of the U. S. to complain that Special Agents of the FBI had tried to interview him.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of a letterhead memorandum in the event the Bureau desires to disseminate the results of this telephonic interview.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (69-777)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (69-95)
SUBJECT: SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMPT OF COURT
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago airtel and LHM, 11/17/67.

Review of referenced LHM at Chicago reflects that date on page two, paragraph one, inadvertently shown as 1/9/69 instead of 1/9/59. Also enclosed are 4 copies of amended page 3. Bureau copies should be corrected accordingly.

Chicago copies corrected.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (69-95)

DATE: 1-11-68

FROM : SA Charles E Price

SUBJECT: SHERMAN SKOLNICK
Information Concerning

On January 11, 1968, at 6⁵⁰ PM, an individual identifying himself as Sherman Skolnick, telephonically contacted this office and advised that he is involved in a civil Federal suit in USDC, Chicago, and many threats have been directed at him. He would not explain the threats but stated he wanted the FBI to protect him.

This person was advised that the FBI does not protect anyone as we do not have jurisdiction in matters of this nature. That if he desires protection, he should contact his local police department. He ended his call by stating that he would contact his local police.

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Chicago, Illinois
October 28, 1968

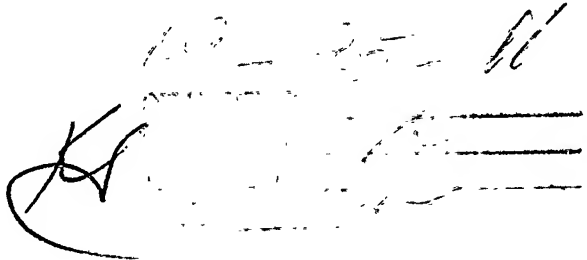
SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMPT OF COURT

On October 28, 1968, an individual identifying himself as Jacob Berg contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He stated that he was still "tee'd off" about a visit to his office approximately one year ago by an FBI Agent and stated that he wanted to know what this contact was about inasmuch as it was never explained to his satisfaction. He was advised that he was originally contacted in connection with an official investigation which was being conducted by the FBI at that time.

At the outset Berg was sarcastic and belligerent and demanded to be told more about the purpose for his original contact by agents of the FBI. When efforts were made to explain the confidential nature of the files of the FBI Berg became even more sarcastic and belligerent and said that inasmuch as the agents of the FBI were his public servants he demanded to know what this was all about. He then stated that he was going to write a letter to the Attorney General complaining about this matter at which time he was advised that any such action he desired to take was up to him.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (69-777)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (69-96) (C)
SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMP OF COURT

Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated 11/20/67.

On October 28, 1968, an individual identifying himself as JACOB BERG, telephone # FI 6-0456 telephonically contacted the Chicago Office and spoke with SA JOHN W. PARISH. BERG at the outset was extremely sarcastic and belligerent and demanded to know why he was originally contacted by SA PARISH approximately one year ago. When he was advised that he was originally contacted in connection with an official investigation and efforts were made to explain the confidential nature of the files of the FBI to him BERG became even more sarcastic and belligerent and terminated the conversation by referring to SA PARISH as a "jackass". BERG also advised in terminating the conversation that he intended to write a letter to the Attorney General of the U.S. to complain about this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 3 copies of a letterhead memorandum in the event the Bureau desires to disseminate the results of this telephonic interview.

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219 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois 60604
October 30, 1968

SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMPT OF COURT

On October 28, 1968, at 5:25 PM, an individual identifying himself as Jacob Berg telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for the second time. In a very rude and insulting manner, he demanded to know why he was originally contacted by a representative of the FBI approximately one year ago. He was advised that he was originally contacted in connection with an official investigation which was being conducted by the FBI at that time.

He continued to be extremely sarcastic and belligerent and demanded to know the purpose of the investigation. An effort was made to explain the confidential nature of FBI files whereupon he rudely terminated the conversation.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (69-777)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (69-96) (C)
SUBJECT: SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMPT OF COURT

Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated 10/28/68, reflecting phone call made by JACOB BERG.

At 5:25 PM, 10/28/68, an individual identifying himself as JACOB BERG telephonically contacted the SAC, Chicago. He was extremely sarcastic, belligerent and completely impossible to reason with. He demanded to know why he was originally contacted stating that he undoubtedly was contacted only because he was Jewish. He was emphatically advised that such statements were completely false and without foundation and that his implied allegation was deeply resented. He was advised of the confidential nature of the FBI files whereupon he became extremely rude and terminated the conversation.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three (3) copies of a Letterhead Memorandum in the event the Bureau desires to disseminate the results of this telephone contact.

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22 W. Madison
Chicago, Illinois
November 6, 1968

Farlin Johnson
Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
219 S. Dearborn St.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On October 25, 1967 I filed civil law suit No. 67c 1830 in the United States District Court, Northern Illinois, Eastern Division.

Approximately three weeks later Mr. John Parish, an agent from your office visited my office at 22 W. Madison Ave., Chicago, and left a message for me to call him. I called him about an hour later and identified myself. He referred to the lawsuit I had filed and asked whether I could come to your offices that afternoon for an interview. When I asked for an idea of what the interview would cover he replied by asking whether I knew Mr. so and so. I responded that whether I did or not had no relevancy to my suit, and that I had no intention of being interviewed by your agency. I then asked him why he had asked me that question and he refused to answer. Later that day I telephoned and talked with both you and [redacted] your assistant agent in charge, asking to be told what federal statute I was suspected of violating and what person or persons had accused me, and I was told in effect that this was none of my business.

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I also asked you whether you automatically begin an investigation on the basis of any complaint, and you replied that either you or [redacted] evaluate complaints to determine whether investigations should start, so that you did make this judgement with respect to me.

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Recently, after a period of about a year, I have telephoned your office again, and again I have asked to know what the complaint was against me and the result of your investigations, and again, Mr. Parish, [redacted] and you have refused to give me any information.

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Let me bring some facts to your attention. My suit is a civil suit brought under Title 42, United States Code, Sections 1981, 1983, 1985 (2), 1985 (3), and 1988; Title 28, United States Code, Sections 1331 and 1343; Title 18, United States Code, Sections 241, 242, and 371.

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Had you waited until I had filed my brief you would have learned that I have a decision of the appellate court of Illinois, Chicago V. Berg, 43 Ill App. 2D 251, 199 W.E. 2D 49, which states that the co-defendants in this case were without authority to punish me for contempt. This, I believe, should be proof to any reasonable person that my suit is not spurious or frivolous. In any event, the co-defendants have the right, which they have not exercised as yet of bringing a counter suit against me for malicious prosecution if they feel that they have any legal basis thereto.

When I went into court on the traffic charge in 1962, which resulted in the erroneous and illegal conduct on the part of the co-defendants I did so out of a sincere conviction that I was testing a bad law, and I was prepared to do so at personal inconvenience and expense, by using the processes of the courts. I don't believe that for this I deserved the abuse and indignity heaped upon me by the co-defendants.

Now, in filing suit against the co-defendants in federal court I believe that I am not only asserting a bed-rock American right to bring a grievance into the courts, but I am also fulfilling a responsibility of citizenship. I find, to this point that I have arrayed against me the might of the local political establishment; The Corporation Counsel's Office, The State's Attorney's Office, and your office. Again, for my civic concern and my efforts to be a responsible citizen I don't believe that I deserve the functioning of an official conspiracy against me.

The logic of the situation with respect to the involvement of your office is, it seems to me, as follows:

Mine is a civil suit and the co-defendants are being sued as individuals for depriving me of constitutional rights and immunities while acting under color of law. I did not ask you to become involved in this matter, so that you have, indicates a concern on your part which could only be inimical to me. You also, therefore, may be depriving me of my rights and immunities, illegally, and you may be in violation of federal law.

Before I carry the matter of your conduct to higher authorities I ask once more that you inform me of the nature of the complaint against me, the identity of the complainant, the rationale of your evaluation of the complaint, and the results of your investigation.

Very truly yours,

Jacob Oscar Berg
Jacob Oscar Berg

DIRECTOR, FBI (69-777)

11/14/68

SAC, CHICAGO (69-95) (C)

SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK;
CONTEMPT OF COURT

Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated 10/23/68.

As the Bureau is aware, efforts were made by Agents of the Chicago Office to interview JACOB OSCAR BERG, 22 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, on November 13, 1967, in connection with the above captioned matter at the specific request of Chief Judge WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, at Chicago. At that time BERG refused to be interviewed and demanded to be advised why he was being contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Subsequently, an individual identifying himself as JACOB BERG, Telephone Number FI 6-0456, has telephonically contacted the Chicago Office from time to time. On each occasion, this individual has been extremely rude, belligerent, sarcastic and evasive, and has demanded to be told the purpose of the FBI's original contact with him. BERG was advised that he was originally contacted by Agents of the FBI in connection with an official investigation, and the confidential nature of the files of the FBI was explained to him on each occasion.

On November 13, 1968, a letter dated November 6, 1968, and signed JACOB OSCAR BERG was received by the Chicago Office. In this letter BERG refers in a rambling manner to the original contact with him about a year ago and his subsequent telephonic contact with the Chicago Office in an effort to ascertain the purpose of the FBI's original attempt to interview him and the results of any subsequent investigation. He ends the letter by stating as follows:

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"Before I carry the matter of your conduct to higher authorities, I ask once more that you inform me of the nature of the complaint against me, the identity of the complainant, and the rationale of your evaluation of the complaint and the results of your investigation."

In connection with the above, it should be noted that on previous occasions when he has contacted the Chicago Office BERG has stated that he intends to write to the "two senators from Illinois", and the Attorney General of the United States regarding this matter.

In view of the fact that BERG appears to have some type of fixation regarding this matter, no reply is being made to the above letter by the Chicago Office. The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau in the event that BERG may communicate directly with the Bureau in the future.

• DONALD RUMSFELD
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
13TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
AND ASTRONAUTICS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

November 21, 1968

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
ROOM 506, CANNON BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
CODE 202, 225-3711

13TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS
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NEW TRIER	SCHAUMBURG
NILES	WHEELING

Mr. Marlin Johnson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
219 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We have received a telephone call from a Mr. Jacob Berg, 22 West Madison, Chicago, Illinois 60602, in which Mr. Berg indicated that he filed a civil rights damage suit in a Federal Court against a former Circuit Court Judge in 1967 to the effect that he was deprived of his constitutional rights and immunities. Mr. Berg indicates he based his right to file such a suit upon an appellate court decision from the 1st District of Illinois which indicated that the punishment inflicted upon him by the judge and corporation counsel was without authority, and therefore he felt it was something they had done on their own or acting in their own rights as individuals.

The case was dismissed, according to Mr. Berg, by the trial judge and is now in the process of being appealed. Mr. Berg reports that about a month after he filed the original suit in the Federal Court he received a telephone call from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. When he returned the call the agent, according to Mr. Berg, began questioning him about his personal acquaintances. Mr. Berg had not requested FBI intervention and does not know why the FBI was involved. When he asked for information concerning FBI involvement he was told that he had no right to such information.

He further indicates that since a year has passed he decided he would call the FBI in Chicago again to ask what the results of the investigation were, to whom the report was made, who had complained against him, and so forth.

Mr. Berg indicates that he talked with you, and also that he talked with [redacted] in the Chicago FBI office asking why the FBI would

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Mr. Marlin Johnson

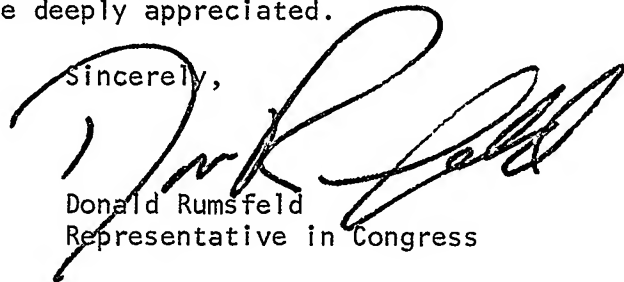
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be involved in a civil suit. He indicates he received no information at all, and he has asked me to look into the matter for him.

Consistent with existing rules and regulations, any information or comment which you might make which would aid me in responding to this inquiry from Mr. Berg will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Rumsfeld', is written over the typed name and title.

Donald Rumsfeld
Representative in Congress

DR/mw

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219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604
November 26, 1968

Mr. Donald Rumsfeld
Representative in Congress
Room 506
Cannon Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Rumsfeld:

Reference made to your letter dated November 21, 1968.

For your information, Mr. Jacob Berg, 22 West Madison, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted by an Agent of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation approximately one year ago in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at that time. Mr. Berg declined to be interviewed at that time, but demanded to be told why he was being contacted. He was told that he was being contacted in connection with an official investigation and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was not at liberty to disclose to him the details concerning the matter under investigation. Mr. Berg then became extremely rude, belligerent and evasive, and terminated the conversation.

On subsequent occasions when Mr. Berg has telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he has demanded, in a very rude manner, to be advised why he was originally contacted by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised that he was originally contacted in connection with an official investigation and on each occasion, an effort was made to explain the confidential nature of the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to Mr. Berg, whereupon he would rudely terminate the conversation.

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The above information is furnished to your office
for your information.

Very truly yours,

M.W. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

Chicago, Illinois
November 26, 1968

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SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMPT OF COURT

On November 25, 1968, a letter dated November 21, 1968, from Donald Rumsfeld, Representative in Congress, Room 506, Cannon Building, Washington, D. C., 20515, was received by the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

In his letter, Congressman Rumsfeld advised that his office had received a telephone call from a Mr. Jacob Berg, 22 West Madison, Chicago, Illinois, in which he indicated that about a year ago he had been contacted by an Agent of the FBI and that when he asked for information concerning the FBI's interest in contacting him, he was unable to obtain such information. According to the letter, Berg further indicated that after a year had passed, he again contacted the FBI in Chicago to ask the results of the investigation, to whom the report was made, and who had complained against him, and he was unable to receive any information at all. Mr. Berg asked that Congressman Rumsfeld look into the matter for him.

The above letter was acknowledged by the Chicago Office of the FBI by letter dated November 26, 1968. Congressman Rumsfeld was advised that Berg was originally contacted by a representative of the FBI in connection with an investigation being conducted by the FBI at that time, and that Berg had declined to be interviewed and demanded to be told why he was being contacted. Congressman Rumsfeld was further advised that on this, as well as subsequent occasions when Berg telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI, he was advised that he had originally been contacted in connection with an official investigation, and on each occasion, an effort was made to explain the confidential nature of the FBI files to Berg, whereupon he would become extremely rude, belligerent, and evasive, and would terminate the conversation.

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11/26/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (69-777)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (69-95)

SUBJECT: SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMPT OF COURT

Re Chicago airtel and LHM to Bureau dated
11/25/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original
and three copies of an LHM, which is self-explanatory.

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Chicago, Illinois
November 25, 1968

SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMPT OF COURT

On November 13, 1968, a letter dated November 6, 1968, and signed Jacob Oscar Berg was received by the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). In this letter Berg refers in a rambling manner to the original contact with him regarding the captioned matter about a year ago and his subsequent telephonic contacts with the Chicago Office of the FBI in an attempt to ascertain the purpose of the FBI's original attempt to interview him and the results of any subsequent investigation. Berg ended the letter by stating as follows:

"Before I carry the matter of your conduct to higher authorities, I ask once more that you inform me of the nature of the complaint against me, the identity of the complainant, and the rationale of your evaluation of the complaint and the results of your investigation."

In connection with the above, it should be noted that on previous occasions when he has contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI, Berg has stated he intends to write to the "two senators from Illinois" and the attorney general of the United States regarding this matter.

In view of the fact that Berg appears to have some type of fixation regarding this matter, his letter is not being acknowledged and no investigation is being conducted by the FBI.

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11/25/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (69-777)
FROM: CHICAGO (69-95)
SUBJECT: SHEPARD H. SKOLNICK
CONTUMPT OF COURT

Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 11/14/68 and
Bureau Form 9-1 dated 11/21/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original
and three copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (69-95)

DATE: 12/5/68

FROM : ASAC [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: SHERMAN H. SKOLNICK
CONTEMPT OF COURT

Reference is made to serial 18 of this file wherein Congressman Rumsfeld was apprised of inquiries made of this office by one JACOB OSCAR BERG.

[REDACTED] of Congressman RUMSFELD's Office made inquiry of this office to obtain release of a copy of our letter to Congressman RUMSFELD. [REDACTED] was telephonically advised that the information contained in this letter was furnished for the information of Congressman RUMSFELD only and should not be furnished to Mr. BERG.

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January 7, 1969

Mr. Marlin Johnson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
219 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Re: Jacob Berg
22 West Madison
Chicago, Illinois 60602

I appreciated your response to my previous letter concerning questions Mr. Berg had raised. In my report to him following the receipt of your letter, I indicated that the FBI had responded that it was not at liberty to disclose, even to me, the details of the official investigation to which he referred.

However, I am now in receipt of a copy of a letter which he had directed to you under date of November 6 and to which he indicates he has had no response. A copy is enclosed for you in the event this may have gone astray.

Thank you again for your past assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Donald Rumsfeld
Representative in Congress

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Memorandum

TO : *Supv.* [redacted] ⁶⁹⁻⁹⁵
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FROM : *S.A.* [redacted]

SUBJECT: *Sherman Sculnik SKOLNICK*

DATE: *1/5/78*

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On *1/4/78* [redacted] U.S. Postal Inspector, telephoned [redacted] advised that he had been contacted by the subject, Sculnik complained that the F.B.I. was conducting a surveillance of him and reading his mail. Sculnik claims the mail is being read by use of a "fibre reader" which is capable of reading the contents of his letters through a small hole made in the envelope.

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[redacted] desired to know if the F.B.I. had any interest in Sculnik and he was advised that an indices check would be made. Indices reveal only two references to a Sherman Sculnik, 100-44975-428 and 100-44202-36, 37, 39 as attending meetings of Youth International party in Chicago. On *1/5/78* [redacted] was advised that the F.B.I. has no current interest in Sculnik.

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